



**EXTENSION OF PUBLIC NOTICE NO. MT-16-28
December 19, 2016**

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

The purpose of this notice is to state the Department's intention to issue a wastewater discharge permit to the facility listed in this notice. This permit is issued by the Department under the authority of 75-5-402, Montana Code Annotated (MCA); the Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM) 17.30.1301 *et seq.*, Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES); and Sections 402 and 303 of the Federal Clean Water Act. The Water Protection Bureau has prepared a draft permit for the facility listed below. Copies of the draft permit, fact sheet, and environmental assessment are available upon request from the Water Protection Bureau or on the Department's website www.deq.mt.gov

APPLICANT NAME:	City of Harlowton P.O. Box 292 Harlowton, MT 59036
FACILITY NAME:	Harlowton Wastewater Treatment Facility
FACILITY LOCATION:	46°25'44.5" N latitude, 109°48'05" W longitude Wheatland County
RECEIVING WATER:	Musselshell River
PERMIT NUMBER:	MT0020354

The Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is extending the public comment period for the draft Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES) permit, fact sheet, and environmental assessment for the City of Harlowton through February 23, 2017. DEQ is only extending the public comment period. No changes have been made to the draft permit as presented on December 19, 2016.

This permit is a reissuance of an MPDES permit for discharge of treated wastewater to the Musselshell River. The City of Harlowton operates a three-cell aerated lagoon system, with effluent disinfection, constructed in 1998/1999. The domestic wastewater collection and treatment system serves approximately 1,060 people. The proposed permit will (1) maintain existing national secondary treatment standards for five-day biochemical oxygen demand (BOD₅) and pH and existing limits on *E. coli* bacteria and total residual chlorine; and (2) apply

treatment equivalent to secondary standards for total suspended solids (TSS) and limits on total ammonia-N. The proposed permit requires periodic self-monitoring of discharge quality and quantity, with monthly reporting of results. This permit and fact sheet will be submitted to the EPA for approval.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments are invited ANYTIME PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS February 23, 2017. Comments may be directed to the DEQ Water Quality Division, Water Protection Bureau, PO Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620. All comments received or postmarked PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS February 23, 2017 will be considered in the formulation of final determinations to be imposed on the permits. If you wish to comment electronically, you may e-mail the Department at DEQWPBPublicComments@mt.gov.

During the public comment period provided by the notice, the Department will accept requests for a public hearing. A request for a public hearing must be in writing and must state the nature of the issue proposed to be raised in the hearing (ARM 17.30.1373).

The Department will respond to all substantive comments and issue a final decision within sixty days of this notice or as soon as possible thereafter. Additional information may be obtained upon request by calling (406) 444-3080 or by writing to the aforementioned address. The complete administrative record, including permit application and other pertinent information, is maintained at the Water Protection Bureau office in Helena and is available for review during business hours.

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